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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ORGANIC.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order, singing and prayer.
4. Call for letters of churches by districts.
5. Read letters and recorded delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

REGULAR ORDER.—NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Invite visiting brethren and welcome them.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondents and appoint the same.
4. Appoint committees to report at this session.
5. Name home for friends.
6. Adjourn for Christian Sabbath.

THIRD DAY.

1. Call to order, prayer, renew call for correspondents.
2. Call roll of churches and correct errors.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.
4. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
5. Appoint Standing Committees.
6. Appoint time and place for next session.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Attend to corresponding letter.
9. Hear resolutions.
10. Read and correct the minutes and adjourn to time and place appointed.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MOUNT ZION, ALA., October 5, 1889.

The Association convened with Mt. Zion church, and was called to order by Elder J. M. Scott at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Elder John B. Appleton, of Cherokee Association.

Letters read by delegates bearing them.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

First District.

Hebron—J. M. S. Griffin, B. W. Duke, P. C. Usry.
Ohatchee—A. J. Browning.
New Hopewell—B. D. Plexico.
Pisgah—W. D. Collins.
Piedmont—C. A. Sharp, E. D. Hanson, J. M. Andrews.
Friendship—Not represented.
Mt. Olive—Elder J. Edon, A. A. Brown.
New Liberty—Elder T. S. Nabors, S. E. Dowdell, J. H. Price.
Angell's Grove—J. W. Propst.

Second District.

Nance's Creek—Joel A. Borden.
Rabbit Town—Elder J. F. Potter, Elder J. J. Andrews, N. J. Belton.
Harmony—Elder J. A. Scott, J. V. Rhodes.
New Bethel—Letter.
Pleasant Ridge—E. W. Cobb.
Zion Hill—J. H. Busby.
Antioch—J. R. Reidinger, B. Brit.
White's Gap—S. M. Pruett, R. E. Rutledge, G. W. Leach.

Third District.

Mt. Zion—W. A. Acker, Frank Lewallen, W. T. Caldwell.
Liberty—Jas. E. Roberts, John R. Graham, G. Hanks.
Amberson—J. G. Mitchell, J. L. McElroy, J. R. Holcomb.
Pilgrim Rest—Elder J. C. Holden, W. T. Holcomb.
Bethel—Elder J. W. King, E. H. Lindsey, J. M. Richardson.

Nazareth—Letter.
Sandy Creek—Elder P. S. Mullino, L. A. McCarley, A. P. Richardson.
Philadelphia—Elder W. Z. Reese, J. T. White, J. D. Pinson.
Rock Run—W. T. Smith, Walter G. Gardner.

Fourth District.

Providence—Elder Thos. Blair, Thos. Smith, Thos. Moon.
Tate's Chapel—R. T. Ewing, W. H. Ballard.
Centre—Not represented.
Pleasant Valley—W. H. Wester, J. A. Robinson.
Pine Grove—G. W. Gentry.
Chalcedonia—Jas. I. Davis.
riendship—J. K. Neyman, S. F. Harris.
New Bethel—J. M. Smith, W. A. Payne, J. G. Anderson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

For Moderator—Elder John A. Scott.
For Clerk—Jacob W. Whorton.
For Assistant Clerk—J. M. Andrews.
Adjourned to half past one o'clock.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder John A. Scott.
Sung "Must Jesus bear the cross alone."
Prayer by Elder T. P. Guinn.
Called for petitionary letters:
Received Delegates W. T. Smith, Walter G. Gardner, with letters from Rock Run church.
Called for correspondents:
Cedar Bluff—M. M. Sewell, Elder M. A. Cornelius, T. B. Miller, Elder W. H. Moon.
Coosa River—Elder T. P. Guinn, J. B. Graham.
Appointed correspondents:
Cedar Bluff—G. W. Gentry, R. T. Ewing, Elder Thos. Blair, Jas. I. Davis, Elder J. W. King.
Cave Spring——
Coosa River—Elder John A. Scott, S. W. Dowdell, John R. Graham, Elder J. F. Potter, C. A. Sharp, J. V. Rhodes.
Boiling Springs—J. V. Rhodes, E. D. Hanson, W. Z. Reece.
Etowah—R. C. Usry, B. W. Duke, J. W. Propst, T. S. Nabors.

Appointed committees:

On Preaching—John R. Graham, B. W. Duke, L. A. McCarley, with the deacons of Mt. Zion church.

On Finance—R. T. Ewing, E. H. Lindsey, C. A. Sharp.

On Deceased Ministers—J. W. King, W. Z. Reece, John Price.

On Documents—N. J. Belton, A. M. Smith, Wm. Acker.

Named homes for delegates and visiting brethren.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the roll of the church was called and corrected.

Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.

Called for reports of standing committees.

Revivals, read and adopted without discussion. (See appendix A.)

Called for report on Sabbath-schools, which was read and, after being discussed by J. B. Graham and Elder J. F. Potter, was adopted. (See appendix B.)

Appointed standing committees:

On Missions—J. F. Potter.

On Prayer-meetings—John R. Graham.

On Sabbath-schools—Thos Nabors.

On Temperance—Jacob W. Whorton.

On Studying the Bible—Elder J. W. King.

On Education—B. W. Duke.

On Family Religion—Elder Thos. Blair.

On Spirituality of the Church—Elder J. C. Holden.

On Revivals—P. S. Mullino.

On motion, adjourned for Christian Sabbath, to meet at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder M. A. Cornelius.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Elder Jno. B. Appleton, of Cherokee Association, at the request of Elder Thos. Blair and by the consent of the Association.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Preaching at 9 o'clock A. M., by Elder M. A. Cornelius, of Cedar Bluff Association. Text: John 17th chapter, 21st and 22d verses.

11 O'CLOCK A. M.—Missionary Sermon preached by Elder J. A. Scott, 1st Cor. 1st chapter, 21st verse. Collected for missions, $39.48.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.—Preaching by Elder T. P. Guinn, of Coosa River Association. Text: John 13th chapter, 1st verse.

NIGHT.—Preaching by P. S. Mullino, and also at several neighboring churches, by other brethren, to large and attentive audiences.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 7, 1889, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

Association met. Read 19th Psalm. Sung: "'Tis religion that can give."

Prayer by Elder J. W. King.

Called for report on "Spirituality of the Churches. Read and adopted. (See appendix C.)

Called for report on Studying the Bible. Adopted, after reading (See appendix D.)

Called for report on Education. Read and adopted. (See appendix E.)

Called for report on Temperance. Read and adopted, after being ably discussed by Elders Cornelius, King, Holden, Reece, and Brethren Ballard, Nabors and others. (See appendix F.)

Called for report on Missions. Read, discussed by Elders Mullino, Potter, Scott, J. J. Andrews and King. Adopted. (See appendix G.)

Called for report on Prayer-meetings. Read and adopted. (See appendix H.)

NEXT MEETING

will be held with New Hopewell church, nine miles North of Jacksonville, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1890.

Called for reports

On Deceased Ministers; read and adopted. (See appendix I.) On Documents; read and adopted. (See appendix J.)

Adjourned to 1 o'clock P. M., after singing "Did Christ o'er sinners weep."

Prayer by Bro. John R. Graham.

EVENING SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Reassembled. Sung "Religion is the chief concern," etc. Prayer by Elder W. H. Moon. Called for Report on Nominations. Read and adopted. (See appendix K.) Called for pledges for missions.

Hebron, $10.00; Ohatchee, $5.00; Friendship, ——; New Hopewell, $5.00; Pisgah, ——; Piedmont, $30.00; Mt. Olive, $3.00; New Liberty, $5.00; Angell's Grove, $2.50; Nance's Creek, $5.00; Rabbit Town; $10.00 State, $5.00 Foreign, $5.00 Home, $20.00; Harmony, $40.00; New Bethel, $5.00; Pleasant Ridge, ——; Zion Hill, $5.00; Antioch, State, $5.00; White's Gap, $3.00; Mt. Zion, $5.00 Home, $5.00 Foreign, $10.00; Liberty, $25.00 State, $5.00 Foreign, $30.00; Amberson, ——; Pilgrim's Rest, $3.00; Bethel, $10.00 Foreign, $5.00 State, $5.00 Home, $20.00; Nazareth, ——; Sandy Creek, Foreign, $10.00; Philadelphia, $2.50; Providence, State, $5.00; Centre, by Mrs. A. H. Leath, $3.00; Tate's Chapel, $10.00, equal, State, Home and Foreign; Pleasant Valley, $2.00; Pine Grove, ——; Chalcedonia, $2.50; Friendship, $5.00; New Bethel, $3.00; J. W. Gentry, $3.00; J. H. Atkinson, $1.00; J. M. S. Griffin, $1.00; B. W. Duke, $1.00; E. W, Cobb, $2.00; W. T. Holcomb, $1.00; W. D. Collins, $2.00; Mrs. A. J. Smith, $1.00; Mrs Lydia McCarley, $1.00; W. A. Payne, Foreign, $1.00; J. K. Neyman, $1.00; J. L. McElroy, $1.00; W. H. Hughes, $1.50; J. M. Smith, Foreign, 50 cents; J. G. Anderson, Foreign, 50 cents; Thomas Blair, 50 cents; J. I. Davis, 50 cents; cash collected on Sabbath, $30.00; cash collected on Monday, $9.48; total, $308.48.

On motion, Mrs. A. H. Leath was recognized as a delegate from Centre church, with a pledge of $3.00 for said church to missions, also 50 cents to minutes.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District—At Angell's Grove, on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August, 1890, as a Sabbath-school Convention.

Second District—No report.

Third District—No report.

Fourth District—At New Bethel, on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1890.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to pay over the Foreign Mission fund of this Association to the Foreign Mission Board.

Second, That the Executive Committee be further instructed to turn over all State and Home Mission funds in his hands to the State Board, and to urge a satisfactory adjustment of the "W. M. Wilson" colportage fund now in the hands of said board, which belongs to this Association.

Resolved, That this Association condemns the intemperate use of malt, vinous or spirituous liquors, and will hold any

church responsible who allows its members to violate the provisions of this resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the members of this church and the citizens of this community for their generous hospitality shown to us during our stay among them.

The Association then sang a hymn and extended to each other the parting hand, and after prayer by Elder J. J. Andrews, closed a very pleasant and harmonious session.

APPENDIX.—Reports of Committees.

A—REVIVALS.

All our churches need revivals in them, and every individual member needs reviving. And without we and our churches have a spirit of revival, we are as the church at Sardis. We have a name that we live but are dead.

It is a lamentable fact that very many of our churches and members are spiritually dead in the eyes of the world. We cannot let our lights shine before men unless we are revived and have the Spirit of God dwelling in our hearts. Churches, to have an influence over the world, must be revived, must be alive. A dead church or a dead Christian cannot advance the kingdom of our Saviour, nor be instrumental in the salvation of souls. Yet, oh how many Christians and churches to-day, dead as to their influence before the world, are standing in the way of sinners. Experience has taught us that if the world is saved it must be done in revivals.

Where is the Christian that was not happy when the the love of God was burning in his heart, and in the midst of a revival of religion, where love was flowing from heart to heart, and where is the cold Chrstian without the influence of the blessed spirit that was happy. Revivals are a waking up from our dead stupor, a waking up from sleep, and arousing the dead faculties of the soul, spiritually springing to life, having the joy of God's salvation restored to us, a returning to our first love. Without this we cannot teach transgressors the way, nor will sinners be converted to God.

Awake! my brother, my sister! Put on the whole armor of God, and prove to the world that there is a reality in the religion you profess, ever letting your light shine before the world, that they may be constrained to glorify our Father who art in heaven. Our Saviour, when he went home to his Father, committed his work to his people, and

said, "Go teach all nations." Are we faithfully discharging our duty, or have we hid away the talent given us?

The success of the cause of Christ is hinged and dependent upon the revival of his people, and they must have the Holy Spirit dwelling in their hearts if they expect to be revived, for if we have not the spirit of Christ, we are none of his. It is our blessed privilege to have that spirit at all times, witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, knowing that we have an inheritance that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for us. Then if we desire a revival of religion in our hearts, and in our churches, are indeed hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and earnestly seeking in faith, we will be filled with the love of God and made happy. Christians can and should be a happy people, having a promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come. Now if it is of so much importance that we have a revival in our hearts and in our churches, what must we do? What can we do that we may enjoy a revival of religion?

It may help to answer the question if we will travel over the past history of our religious life, and linger around the place and time when we had the joy of God's salvation restored unto us, when we were filled with God and with glory, and ask ourselves what did we do then that we were made to rejoice. We can remember we assembled ourselves often together and talked much about our meeting and our religion, and prayed much for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

It seems by common consent we only want a revival once a year, and that in summer time. We as much as say to God, if we can have a revival one week in August or September, it will be enough for the year. This is all wrong, for we can have a revival one season as well as another, and it is our privilege to be revived every week and every day, for God is the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

Our custom is to only expect a revival once a year, and from one protracted meeting to another we get so far back that sometimes we barely get to the mourners' bench during our protracted meeting.

If we can't have preaching every Sabbath, we should meet for prayer-meeting and to talk about our religion, and to make our meetings interesting and edifying. Our prayers and talks should be short, and the subject-matter appropriate and adapted to the occasion of our meeting, and above all to be in the spirit Pray much for ourselves and the presence of our heavenly Father. Then sinners will be converted to God, our souls be made to rejoice in hope of

heaven and immortal glory. Let our prayers ascend as from one man, that we way be more faithful, ever letting our lights shine before the world.

J. R. Graham.

B—SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It is generally conceded by our wisest heads that the Sunday-school is the church at work. Therefore it should be directly under the supervision of the church, and its supreme object should be to teach the word of God.

The first and most important of these is the conversion of the unconverted. The next is the consecration of the converted, the training and development of their Christian activities. Along with these must go instruction in the general knowledge of the word, its doctrines, duties, history, geography, etc.

Since the Sunday-school is the church at work, all the officers and teachers should be church members, and every church member should be as much interested in that as in any other department of church work, and should feel as much bound to attend its services and take part in its exercises as any other service of the church.

It has its own place and its own work, and should be kept in its own place and do its own work.

Its place is a subordinate place and its position a dependent position. It is subordinate to the home, to the church and to the ministry. It is dependent upon the home, the the church and ministry. It is an agency or department of the church for the studying and teaching of God's Word. To make known the truth as it is in Jesus.

What agency so potent as the regular exercises of Sunday-schools to bring this word in habitual contact with the hearts of our youth? They are the virgin soil in which we cast the incorruptible seed with the auspicious hope of success.

This training of the young is preaching the gospel at the best time and with the best effect.

Divine truth early taught and early believed produces impressions on the soul like letters cut into the bark of a young tree which will grow proportional with the tree itself.

When the child, like Timothy, learns God's Holy Word from his very infancy, we have ground for assured hope that he will, like youthful Josiah, seek the Lord. Like youthful Jacob, vow to him. Like youthful David commune with him, sing to him and triumph by him. Is this not a great and a glorious work? Is it not worthy of the time, the talent, the love, the labor and the energies of all God's people? Is it not worthy of the sympathy,

help and co-operation of all parents? Is it not worthy of the consideration, encouragement and co-operation of all pastors? Is it not worthy of the attention, liberality, prayers and confidence of all churches?

We rejoice to note decided improvement among our churches in this great and good work, and hope it will continue to advance until all of our dormant energies and powers are properly aroused and brought into action in its interest. J. F. POTTER.

C—SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES.

Judging from the record of the past it seems there is an improvement. It appears that the churches are more active in their work. Where I have been there is more interest manifested in Sunday-schools than before, more interest in prayer-meetings, more interest in church building and repairing

From reports, revivals have been general and more interest in missions. There are manifestations of a greater interest, which indicates that we are not altogether like the church that had a name to live but was dead. Yet there is great room to improve.

Brethren continue to strive, to preach and to pray, to use every effort that God has put within our power that we may enter more deeply into the spirituality of the service of God and stir up a greater interest in Sunday-schools, prayer-meetings and revivals in our churches and in our own hearts.

J. C. HOLDEN.

D—STUDYING THE BIBLE.

We are persuaded to believe that the different churches of the Association are frequent Bible readers from their prompt delegation to this body at this session. We know that no man knows his Master's will only those that read his word.

We recommend that the pastors of the different churches of This Association urge upon their people to read more, learn and inwardly digest the blessed truths which the Bible contains of eternal life and Christ Jesus.

P. S. MULLINO.

E—EDUCATION.

It might appear at a glance that among intelligent people it would be unnecessary to use any argument setting up the importance and the necessity of education. But a second thought will show us that the importance due this great question is not always given it. That effort and that

degree of advancement in this line is not sufficient, and notwithstanding we have made commendable pregress, the importance of the subject and the great field yet before us should impel us to still greater effort.

The general occupation of the term education is, that it is fitting for life's duties.

Then how important it should be with Baptists that we see to it that our children should be so educated, their minds so trained, that they would not only be fitted for a life of usefulness as citizens, but that their education should be so full, so thorough, as to impress them with the importance of becoming Christians and Baptists.

We should see the importance of attending to this while the mind is young. Youth is the time to impress the tender minds and hearts of our children with the truths of the Gospel and of the peculiar doctrines of the Baptist church.

This question is of greater importance than any of us imagine.

It is boastingly claimed by the Catholics in this country that they "will take this country and the world;" that they will be enabled to do so, because, they are better organized; that they have a place for every man, and every man in his place, etc.

But the greatest reason assigned why Baptists will fail, and they will succeed is, that we as Baptists do not begin with our children early like they do. They say our children have no home religion, no religious training, and their day schools are more church schools than our Sunday-schools. That their poorest members contribute liberally to sustain Christian education as taught by them.

They show us how a Catholic sticks to his church and works so persistently to educate their children to be Catholics, while Baptists feel no responsibility in this important matter.

Brethren, let us awake to the importance of the situation, and before it is too late let us take up this great work of education.

Let us liberally patronize our Baptist schools and colleges, and establish others, and above all let us so train and educate our children at home, and in our primary schools, that they will grow up to be Christians and Baptists

J. W. Whorton.

F—TEMPERANCE.

This is a question that has engaged the minds of the ablest men and women the world has ever produced. It has been a constant engagement with the clergy, law-maker, philan-

thropist, in fact all whose efforts have been to the betterment of mankind.

Alcohol has more effects than one. As an article of daily use it produces the most deplorable consequences. Besides the moral degradation which it causes, its habitual use gives rise to physical diseases more unbearable than the cholera of Asia, or the stench of leprosy, because of the continuation of its effect, which lasts through this life and the life to come.

Its use has been prohibited by legislative enactment in this county, and many other counties have prohibition by one method or another, but we see the evil still, but not so much as before. Prohibition has been a success largely, yet more might be done to arrest its evils. Public sentiment is one remedy; the rigid enforcement of the drunkard's law is another, which provides punishment for any who are seen drunk, which law is a nullity upon our statute.

The church of Christ has in her administration of discipline been too slack. Her indulgence with topers have transcended the limits of scriptural propriety.

I hope no church claiming the name of a church will wink at it, and say that so and so is a good fellow in his way and we can't bear to bring him up for the small offense of drunkenness, while at the same time that God we serve has provided a hell for the drunkard. These drunken Baptists are a blot, a stain, upon the name of our denomination.

A. P. Richardson.

G—MISSIONS.

The results accruing from the missionary work (both home and foreign) are exceedingly gratifying. There are engaged in the foreign mission work under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention about one hundred and fifty missionaries. The Home Mission Board has had in its employ the past year three hundred and twenty-eight missionaries. They have baptized nearly five thousand converts. By the missionaries of our own State, laboring under the supervision of the State Board, there have been preached 2,746 sermons, over 500 baptized, twelve churches constituted, and forty-seven Sunday-schools organized.

The State Board asks the 91,000 Baptists of Alabama for next year $30,000, about thirty cents each. This Association is asked for $500, or twenty-seven cents per member. This amount should be pledged by this Association to the State Board as the amount is reasonable.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Some of our churches and a great many members of the most of our churches contribute absolutely nothing for the spread of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, We believe this to be a shameful and wilful violation of God's word; therefore

Resolved. That this Association request each church in its bounds to require their members to give a good and sufficient reason why they do not contribute regularly of their means, as the Lord has prospered them, to the support of the missionary cause according to the teaching of God's word.

J. W. KING.

H—PRAYER-MEETINGS.

This is one of the services of the church that is greatly neglected by our churches, considering its great importance. If we would consider for a moment that this service brings us nearer to God and to each other than any other, we would at once see the importance of engaging more regularly in it. In prayer-meeting we are brought to commune directly with God, to approach his Holy Throne through the merits of his Son. We are also brought more directly in contact with each other, and by means that love, for each other by which Christ says we are known, is cultivated and built up.

In it is afforded the best means we have of training young Christians that duty and service which is due by all Christians to their Master to advance his cause on earth. In it we are enabled to take the rough ashlar and prepare it for an important place in the great building of God.

It is very gratifying to know that our churches are engaging more generally in this good work than ever before. Very few, if any, but what report a prayer-meeting.

Let us ask God to impress this great duty on all our members throughout our bounds, that our prayer-meetings may be well attended; that we may be found frequently assembled together, talking our religion and praying for the advancement of our religion, that we may enjoy our religion.

THOMAS BLAIR.

I—DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers find that God, in his providence, has, since our last Association, sent his death angel and called our much beloved brother and efficient Clerk of this Association, Elder William H. Burton, from toil and labor here to his eternal rest above. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, 1st. That in the death of Brother Burton, this Association has lost a faithful member and an efficient officer, the denomination a bold and fearless defender of the principles of Christ's Church, and the ministry a true yoke fellow.

2d. That we meekly submit to the will of him who worketh all things after the councils of his own will.

3d. That a page of our minutes be draped in mourning in memory of our dear brother.

J. W. KING, Chairman.

J—DOCUMENTS.

We recommend, first of all, a careful and prayerful reading of the Bible. The Saviour said search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life. They are inspired, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

We recommend that the bethren take and read the *Alabama Baptist*, published at Montgomery, Ala., *The Foreign Mission Journal*, and for Sabbath-schools *Kind Words* lesson helps, published at Atlanta, Georgia.

J. F. POTTER, Chairman.

K—NOMINATIONS.

Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder J. F. Potter; Elder T. F. Nabors, alternate.

Missionary Sermon by Elder John A. Scott; Elder J. W. King, alternate.

L—FINANCE.

Received for missions, to be applied as the Executive Committee may think best: From Hebron, $10 00; Pleasant Ridge, 3 00; W. G. Duke, 1 00; Mrs. Duke, 50 cents; Mrs. L. M. Andrews, 1 00; Rev. M. O. Potter, 2 00; Mrs. Edna Cross, 25 cents; S. L. Cross, 1 00. Total, $18 75.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From Ohatchee, $1 66⅔; New Hopewell, 1 66⅔; Pisgah, 4 65; Piedmont, 10 00; Angell's Grove, 1 66⅔; Mt. Zion, 5 00; Liberty, 5 00; Amberson. 2 30; Pilgrims' Rest, 2 50; Bethel, 7 00; Nazareth, 5 00; Sandy Creek, 7 50; Nance's Creek, 1 66⅔; Rabbit Town, 5 00; Harmony, 38 53⅓; New Bethel, 5 00; White's Gap, 1 66⅔; Zion Hill, 2 66⅔; Providence, 1 66⅔; Tate's Chapel, 3 33⅓; Friendship (4th dist.), 1 66⅔; J. H. Hewitt, 1 00; John Garrett, 5 00. Total, $121 15.

STATE MISSIONS.

From Ohatchee, $1 66⅔; New Hopewell, 1 66⅔; Piedmont, 10 00; Mt. Olive, 3 00; New Liberty, 5 00; Angell's Grove, 1 66⅔; Liberty, 25 00; Bethel, 5 00; Philadelphia, 5 00; Nance's Creek, 1 66⅔; Rabbit Town, 10 00; Harmony, 9 63⅓; Antioch, 5 00; White's Gap, 1 66⅔; Zion Hill, 2 66⅔; Providence, 1 66⅔; Tate's Chapel, 3 33⅓; Chalcedonia, 2 50; Friendship (4th dist.), 1 66⅔; New Bethel, 3 00; B. W. Duke, 1 00; J. B. Collins, 50 cents; Mrs. M. W. Borden, 1 00. Total, $103 30.

HOME MISSIONS.

From Ohatchie, $1 66⅔; New Hopewell, 1 66⅔; Piedmont, 10 00; Angell's Grove, 1 66⅔; Nance's Creek; 1 66⅔; Rabbit Town, 5 00; Harmony, 9 63⅓; White's Gap, 1 66⅔; Zion Hill, 2 66⅔; Mt. Zion, 5 00, Bethel, 5 00; Providence, 1 66⅔; Tate's Chapel, 3 33⅓; Pleasant Valley, 1 20; Friendship (4th dist.), 1 66⅔; L. F. Greer, 50 cents. Total, $54 00.

CUBA MISSION.

From Elder Mansel Garrett, $5 00.
For Minutes, $48 17. (See tabular statement.)
Sunday's and Monday's collection, $39 48.
Grand total, $389 85.

C. A. SHARP, Chairman.

M—TREASURER.

Received from Finance Committee:

For State Missions	$100 80
For Home Missions	53 50
For Foreign Missions	120 50
For Minutes	48 17
For collections on Sabbath	39 48
For pledges from individuals	19 75
For cash to be distributed by Executive Committee	7 65
Total	$389 85

Paid J. R. Graham, chairman Ex. Com	$341 68
" Jacob W. Whorton, Clerk	48 17
Total	$389 85

W. H. BALLARD, Treasurer.

N—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On hand last session	$205 62
Received from Treasurer:	
For Foreign Missions	130 50
For State Missions	100 80

For Home Missions		53 50
For collections from individual pledges		19 75
For collections on Sabbath		39 48
For cash to be distributed by Ex. Com		7 65
Total		$557 30
Paid W. B. Crumpton	$ 52 32	
" W. Z. Reece (Missionary)	22 50	
" Thomas Blair "	22 50	
" J. A. West "	18 00	
" J. W. King "	22 50	
" J. J. Andrews "	15 00	
" Supplement to salary at Rock Run	10 00	162 82
Cash on hand		$394 48

EVANGELISTS' REPORTS.

To Executive Committee Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association:

I labored, by your appointment, 12 days; preached 22 sermons; baptized 26; witnessed 36 conversions; traveled 42 miles; for which I received $18 00. A. J. West.

To Executive Committee Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association:

I labored, by your appointment, 15 days in 4th district; traveled 85 miles; preached 21 sermons; attended 23 prayer-meetings; visited 20 families; baptized 5 converts; assisted in constitution of Rock Run church; for which I received $22 50. Also received as supplement to my salary at Rock Run $10 00. Thos. Blair.

To Executive Committee Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association:

I labored in 3d district 15 days; preached 21 sermons: baptized 5 converts; for which I received from your committee $22 50. J. W. King.

To Executive Committee of Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association:

I labored, by your appointment, 15 days in 1st district; traveled 110 miles; preached 25 sermons; baptized 12 converts; visited 11 families; found some destitution; for which I received $22 50. W. Z. Reece.

Rabbit Town, Ala., October 5, 1889.

To Executive Committee of Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association:

Mission work performed this year for the board: At Rock Run, 10 days; at various places in the bounds of the Asso-

tion gratuitously, 38 days; preached 49 sermons; baptized 4; traveled 220 miles; assisted in the constitution of one church. J. J. ANDREWS.

O—CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN—The session for this year of our Association was held with Mt. Zion church, as appointed. We had an exceedingly harmonious and pleasant session, and we feel that the cause of our Master was advanced and our love for one another strengthened. Our next session will be held with New Hopewell church, nine miles north of Jacksonville. Calhoun county, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1890.

We pray that the grace of God may be with you, and hope to meet brethren from your bodies at our next session.

JOHN A. SCOTT, Moderator.

JACOB W. WHORTON, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE TALLASAHATCHEE AND TEN ISLAND ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. The Association must be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches in our Union shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Baptist Association, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church or churches of the Union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper rule of decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by this Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

7. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to three representatives in the Association.

8. No query shall come into the Association without first being debated in the churches from whence it came, when, if it still remains a difficulty with the church, it shall be received by the Association; such queries excepted which concern our Union.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who gave it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, being furnished with money by the churches for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be), and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

13. The Association shall have power—first to provide for the general union of the churches.

Second—To preserve inviolate a chain of communication among the churches.

Third—To give the churches advice in different cases.

Fourth—To inquire why any church fails to represent herself at any time in the Association.

Fifth—To appoint any member or members, by and with his or her consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

Sixth—To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of government.

Seventh—To adjourn themselves to such further time and place as they may think most convenient to the churches.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and are, therefore, the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

4. We believe the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Christ by imputation.

7. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and that baptism is immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.

10. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

11. We believe that no person has a right to the administration of the ordinances but those who are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak, not exceeding fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming him or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided on or withdrawn before others are offered.

9. When anything is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.

10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.

11. No person shall depart the services of the Association without leave.

12. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses to one another.

13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of a public speech.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoint some other to his seat while he is speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member breaking this decorum shall be reproved at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day on which the breach is made.

17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches into our Union, which shall be unanimous.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHURCHES.

	CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	Received by Let'r.	Dismissed by Let'r	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Total.	Days of Meeting.	For Minutes.	For Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Total Money Reported.	No. in Sabbath-school.
First District.	Hebron	Hebron.....Ala	A J. West	B. W. Duke	10	15	10	...	1	1	176	1	3 20	10 00	.....	13 20	.....
	Ohatchee	Jacksonville.. "	D. C. Robinett	C A J Hollingsworth	3	2	4	1	...	1	68	3	1 45	5 00	.....	6 45	45
	Friendship	Jacksonville.. "	Not represented		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Dist't.	New Hopewell	All-up	J. K. Trotter	D. D. Nabors	.....	.....	9	...	1	2	69	2	2 00	5 00	.....	7 00	46
	Pisgah	Gnatville	W. Z. Reece	J. B. Collins	4	3	7	..	...	1	50	4	1 50	4 65	.....	6 15	.....
	Piedmont	Piedmont	G. D. Harris	J M. Andrews	22	8	14	...	2	2	118	2	2 50	30 00	250 00	282 50	30
	Mt. Olive	Jacksonville	D. C Robinett	D. C. Wolf	7	5	1	...	...	1	34	2	1 00	3 00	.....	4 00	.....
	New Liberty	Piedmont	W. Z. Reece	S. E. Dowdell	6	10	5	...	...	...	39	3	1 00	5 00	30 00	36 00	26
	Angell's Grove	Tampa	H. L. Johnston	D. B Johnson	7	8	...	...	...	...	46	2	1 00	5 00	.....	6 00	.....
	Nance's Creek	Piedmont	D. C. Robinett	J A. Borden	2	2	.....	1	1	...	46	1	1 40	5 00	.....	6 40	47
	Rabbit Town	Rabbit Town	J. F. Potter	R. P DeFreese	.....	2	3	2	...	2	76	2	2 00	20 00	.....	22 00	.....
	Harmony	Chocolocco	J. A. Scott	W. B Bowling	28	10	30	3	1	1	210	*	2 30	69 84	500 00	572 14	120
	New Bethel	Berea	Asa Allen	R. P. Heaten	22	12	20	2	2	..	103	4	1 50	5 00	.....	6 50	30
	Pleasant Ridge	White Plains	J. R. Newell	E. W. Cobb	8	6	13	...	2	...	73	1	2 00	3 00	.....	5 00	37
	Zion Hill	White Plains	J. Q. Stockman	A. N Ward	2	.....	5	...	...	1	41	3	1 00	8 00	.....	9 00	.....
	Antioch	Anniston	D. C. Robinett	W. F. Wells	19	9	.....	2	...	1	104	4	2 00	5 00	.....	7 00	.....
Third District.	White's Gap	Jacksonville	A. J. West	J. C. Hollingsworth	16	9	.....	1	...	3	82	3	1 25	5 00	.....	6 25	40
	Mt Zion	Exie	J. C. Holdin	H. A. Thornton	8	7	9	3	1	1	100	3	1 50	10 00	.....	11 50	.....
	Liberty	Pleasant Gap	Wm S. Griffin	James E Roberts	7	4	10	5	...	3	149	1	2 50	30 00	.....	157 50	.....
	Spring Garden	SpringGarden	J. W. Smith	J. R Holcomb	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	3	50	2 30	125 00	2 80	.....
	Pilgrim's Rest	Forney	J. C. Holden	W. M. Wilson	13	13	7	2	1	3	51	1	1 50	2 50	.....	4 00	70
	Bethel	Forney	J. W King	J. W. Whorton	3	9	6	1	1	1	123	2	1 50	17 00	.....	18 50	30
	Nazareth	Forney	W. H Stephens	James Conner	.....	.....	5	...	...	...	63	1	1 00	5 00	.....	6 00	.....
	Sandy Creek	Forney	V. A. Bell	J. M Scroggin	34	8	10	1	4	1	106	4	1 50	7 50	.....	9 00	56
	Philadelphia	Ladiga	W. Z. Reece	J. T. White	2	3	.....	...	...	...	21	3	50	5 00	.....	5 50	.....
	Rock Run	Rock Run	Thos. Blair	Walter G Gardner	2	...	.....	...	...	..	11	...	75	.....	.....	75	.....
Fourth District.	Providence	Coloma	W. H. Moon and Thos. Blair	Thomas Smith	3	.....	.....	1	...	...	37	1	1 00	5 00	.....	6 00	.....
	Centre	Centre	Not represented		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
	Tate's Chapel	Centre	J. H. Glazner	J. J Snead	10	5	11	3	...	2	103	4	2 25	10 00	.....	12 25	.....
	Pleasant Val'y	Centre	J. A. Robinson	W. H. Wester	2	6	4	1	...	...	38	...	1 00	1 20	.....	2 20	.....
	Pine Grove	Blaine	J. T Bartlett	J. W. Gentry	2	2	5	...	...	...	75	2	1 40	.....	.....	1 40	.....
	Chalcedonia	Howell's X Rds	Thos. Blair	L. W. Watts	2	3	...	...	...	...	49	...	80	2 50	.....	3 30	.....
	Friendship	Whorton	V. A. Bell	P. H. Whorton	17	1	..	...	...	...	146	3	2 00	5 00	.....	7 00	80
	New Bethel	Key	J. W. King	J. G. Anderson	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	51	...	1 00	3 00	.....	4 00	.....
	Total				261	162	188	29	17	27	2520	..	$48 30	$294 49	$905 00	$1247 29	657

*Every Sunday.

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